

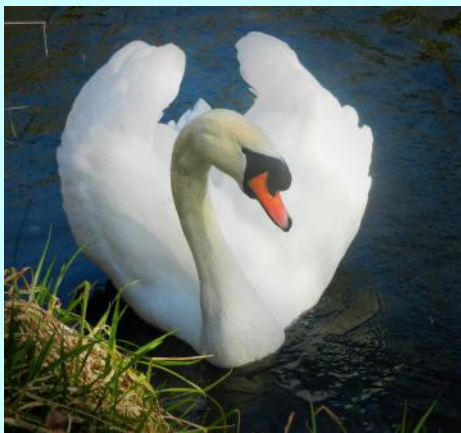


Hanney News

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**Isn't it about time there was a pedestrian crossing on the A338?
.....See page 13.**



Our swans are back!...

and Sir Steve McKechnie, Lord of the Swans, has some good advice for us on how to make them feel welcome.
See page 5.



Quiz Night

**At St James School Hall, Hanney
Friday 16th March 2018
7.30pm for 8pm start.
There will be a Bar, Raffle and Snacks**

£3 per person (6 people Max in a team)
To secure your place or pre-book your Winning team, please contact Kate Thomas katyjot@hotmail.co.uk

ALL profits from the evening will go to St James CE Primary School and help fund the great experiences our children have available to them. Events like this can only happen with the help of volunteers

Table Top & Car Boot Sale

**In aid of Cancer Research
Sat 17th March, 10am till 2pm
Hanney WMHall**

**Craft stalls, bric a brac, china, toys,
something for everyone. Hot /cold food
Hanney Fundraisers for
Cancer Research**

Not only did Hanney Drama Group recently put on a fabbo panto, but thanks to the generosity of everyone who came to see it, £240 was raised for the Team Mikayla charity which raises funds to grant wishes to children with cancer. Here's their website:
teammikayla.co.uk

Editorial

March already, with the Easter Bunny hopping into view!

Last month I renamed the Hanney Occasional Golfers as the Hanney Old Golfers. I can't think why I did this, since I am very aware that they are all extremely youthful, if not actually young Apols all round - round?.. golf?...geddit?! I'm pleased to announce that the great British Panto is alive and well in the capable hands of our very own luvvies, the Hanney Drama Group. 'Cinderella and the Velvet Slipper' was great fun...big ups to all involved.

Still on theatrical stuff, check out page 4 - news of a talented young member of our community taking the lead role in Jigsaw Productions 'Oliver'.

If you're into quizzes, I bring glad tidings...three happening this month! Two in our village - see front cover and this page - and if history floats your canoe, then head to the Vale Museum in Wantage on Tues 27th March, where a 'Great History Quiz' is on offer. Details on their website:

www.wantage-museum.com/event/the-great-history-quiz-night/

As the weather warms up a bit - hopefully - plenty of volunteers needed in our community.....

The Flood Group and the Millennium Wood working party would be happy to see you; likewise for a one-off maintenance session at the village hall and our annual litter pick, the latter two both happening next month. The village hall still needs a bar manager... details on all the above in this fun-packed issue.

The swans are back...check out our very own Lord of the Swans' article on page 5. I've given Jaunty Jilly another column this month - page 13, and have set our top investigative journalist here at

Hanney News Global the task of shedding some light on why there is no pedestrian crossing on the A338 - also page 13.

The sorry saga of the stile limps on, heading nowhere I fear - page 12 for the latest. Take care when using it, or you too may be limping!

Details of Michaelmas Fayre grant recipients on page 15, and next month, we'll have the same info regarding the Hanney Fund.

It just remains for me to wish a very happy Easter to one and all.

Till next month.....



Come along to our
QUIZ NIGHT

SATURDAY 24 MARCH

Doors open 7pm
Quiz starts 7.30pm

War Memorial Hall
East Hanney

TICKETS COST £10 EACH
AND INCLUDE A BUFFET

Teams should be of no more than six people. Any couple or individuals can be linked up with a team.

The quiz is open to everyone and includes a prize for the winning team.

A raffle will also take place during the evening.

All profits from the quiz and raffle will go to Children's Air Ambulance and the Alzheimer's Society.

If you would like to register your place and/or team please contact karen.dodd@southandvale.gov.uk or call 01235 422082 by 9 March.

Notices...what's happening this month.

Fri 2nd, Film Night at the Village Hall. See page 10 for details

Sat 3rd, Wantage & Grove Lions are holding a cash bingo at Grove village hall. Doors open 6.45pm eyes down 7.30pm Great raffle also refreshments.

Mon 5th, 7.45pm, Hanney Gardening Club, Village Hall 'Early Spring Flowering Perennials' a talk by Rosy Hardy

Fri 16th, 7.30pm. St James School, Quiz night, see front page!

Sat 17th, Hanney Flood Group working party. See their website for details. www.thehanneysfloodgroup.org.uk

Sat 17th, CRUK Table Top Sale. Village Hall. See front page.

Sat 17th, RBL Hall, Live Music with Mustang, 60/70's music

Thurs. 22nd, 2.30pm, Senior Citizens Village Hall. Talk by 'Oxford Museum Service' with a mystery box. "What on earth is this?!"

Sat 24th, Millenium Woodlands Maintenance Group. Contact Paul Sayers, tel: 868146. email: pksayers@btinternet.com for details.

Sat 24th, 7pm Vale Chairman's Charity Quiz...see page 2.

Sat 24th, 7pm, Wantage Male Voice Choir, Annual Concert. See page 11.

Tues 27th, 8pm, Hanney History Group, 'Lost Villages of Oxfordshire' a talk by Deborah Hayter

Tues 27th, Vale Museum Wantage, History Quiz. See Editorial.

Thurs 29th, St James School, Term 4 ends

Fri 30th - Good Friday, Community shop closed.

Sat 31st - Community shop open 9am - 1pm only.

And further ahead....

Mon 2nd April - Easter Monday - Community shop closed.

Mon 16th April - St James School, Term 5 starts.

Sat 21st April 9.30am - Annual Hanney Litter-Pick. Details page 11.

Sat 28th April - Wantage Big Band gig at Village Hall...details next month.

Saturday 19 May, 7.30pm - 'A Medley for May' - recital in music and word at St James Church featuring 'Berkshire Baroque'.

16th - 26th Aug, a visit to our twin town 'Seesen' in Germany.

Sat 22nd Sept - Michaelmas Fayre. See page 15.

Sun 11th Nov. Remembrance Sunday and commemoration of 100 years of the 'Armistice'. Bell ringers needed.

Contact details for our political chums.

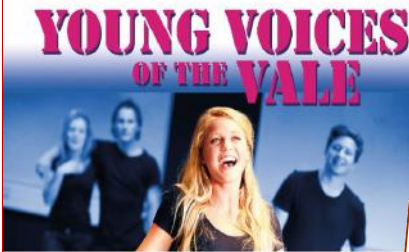
Ed Vaizey MP - *You can contact me on any matter at the House of Commons, SW1A 0AA, 020 7219 6350 or dicksonce@parliament.uk.*

Ed's website is www.vaizey.com

Vale of White Horse District Council leader Matt Barber's email and website address: councillor@matthewbarber.co.uk - www.matthewbarber.co.uk

We certainly have some talented folk in our community and here's one; just 7 years old, Thomas Hulme is taking the lead role as 'Oliver' in the next 'Jigsaw Productions' show that's happening in April, with performances at **The Beacon, Wantage on Weds 4th to Sat 7th April: 7.30pm with a 2.30pm matinee on the 7th.** Thomas is in the 4th - evening, 6th - evening and 7th - evening performances.

Shows at the **Cornerstone Didcot are on Thurs 26th to Sat 28th April: 7.30pm each night plus a 2.30pm matinee on the 28th.** He is performing in the 26th evening show and the 28th matinee. **wegotickets.com/jigsaw or the Beacon or Bretts pharmacy for tickets. We here at Hanney News Global wish young Thomas the very best of luck!!**



SINGING COMPETITION for young people AGE 10-18 in & around WANTAGE

Talking of talent, a singing competition run by Opera Unmasked, sponsored by Wantage Youth Council and the Swire Charitable Trust is looking for entries from youngsters aged 10-18. Their blurb states..."For solo singers and choirs sing Jazz, Rock, Classical....it's the Voice that matters!" The gent to contact is Jim Mitchell on 01235 767975 or email **jamesmitchellone voice@sky.com**

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Here are a couple more excerpts from the Hanney Parish magazines of the 19th century. The first, from 1878 is brief and rather blunt.

'Unusual sickness and mortality and sickness amongst children. One died within 24 hours.'

The second from 1879 ends with a rather unusual proposal...

'Two more fires at Hanney during the past month. One at the wheelwright's shop occupied by Mr A Booker, which was completely burnt down to the ground. The other at Mr Bosley's which fortunately was discovered in time to prevent much damage. Two more fires occurred in the neighbourhood in the same night that the wheelwright's shop was burnt, one at Steventon and the other at Drayton and they are supposed to have been caused by an incendiary. It is proposed to purchase a number of buckets to be kept by the Policemen, who is collecting subscriptions.'

Hanney Swans update...This from Sir Steve of McKechnie, Lord of the Swans...

'I am sure everyone is pleased to read that the Hanney Swans are preparing to nest which is a relief after last year's devastation.

I was brought up putting stale and even mouldy bread to one side "for the birds." Then every Sunday we would venture off to the river and feed the birds.

I had never questioned this until my induction days at Swan Lifeline in Windsor, where I helped bringing in the sick and injured swans from the Thames.

It was explained that all of us who thought we were doing right, were in fact doing wrong. The tongue of a swan cannot move from side to side, only in and out, so when one feeds on mouldy bread offered by well-meaning folk, the bacteria can remain in their beaks.

When the swans preen, the bacteria are transmitted to their feathers, causing severe damage to them. The bacteria also enter the quills via the digestive system. If you feed the Swans please do not give them bread that is mouldy. Only use seeded brown bread; white bread contains very little goodness anyway,



and only has the effect of bloating the birds. After eating white bread they do not feel the need to eat the natural foods that offer all their requirements for a healthy diet.

Remember also that once the eggs hatch, the swans become incredibly territorial and protective. We should give them a very wide berth, ensuring that both children and dogs are kept well away.

This common sense approach will ensure that "our" swans are encouraged to make Hanney their home and bring us the sight of cygnets.

If anyone has any issues with the village swans please call me on 07545 347550 and I will be happy to help.

East Hanney Parish Council

The Parish Council has received further amendments to the applications for development on the land behind Dews Meadow, please search out one of the applications on the VWHDC planning pages if you want to read these. The Council has met (separately) with Matt Barber and the Vale's planners about the proposals and was satisfied with the outcome of both meetings. A revised response has been submitted to the Vale.

The Council hopes that the replacement benches on the green opposite La Fontana will be finished by the summer. In the meantime, the designer, Julie Grose (<http://juliegrosemetaldesign.co.uk/home/>) is fabricating the benches to be installed and will be showing them at her studio during Art Weeks in May – a date for our diaries!

Following a meeting with Matt Barber, the Council has again been given a named contact at the Vale for the progress of its Neighbourhood Plan. The Council hopes that this will re-start the process and that adoption of the plan can happen with reasonable speed.

The Council has had to reduce the skip provision for the village. From April 2018 there will be a skip once every two months rather than monthly, though it will alternate as in previous years between the Hall and Snuggs Lane. This has had to happen because the Council wishes to keep the precept charged to a minimum and the Neighbourhood Plan survey indicated that remarkably few villagers avail themselves of this service.

The next meeting dates are 7th March and 4th April 2018.

Parish Council meetings are open to the public and are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 8pm. The agenda will be available to view on the notice board outside the Community Shop, on the Council's website and on Facebook a week in advance.

Chairman: Jim Triffitt 868314 (Allotments)

Vice Chairman: Stewart Scott 868503 (Neighbourhood Plan and Technical Issues)

Councillors: Paul Aram 868858 (Playground and Playing field)

David Kirk 07740029059 (Neighbourhood Action Group)

Judy Long 868425 (Footpaths)

Stephen McKechnie 868823 (Village Environment)

Clerk: Guy Langton 867403 gl-ehpc@outlook.com

Website: <http://www.easthanneyparishcouncil.org.uk>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/436816943170450/>

West Hanney Parish Council

A big thank you to the Michaelmas Fayre committee for the grant money awarded for the purchase of a wooden bench for the Community Woodland. The PC will by now have ordered the new bench, and the volunteer group, under the guidance of Paul Sayers, will be siting and fixing it shortly. Eventually we would like to see several such seats in the woodland or meadow.

The new kissing gate kindly donated by Hanney News has now been fixed in the south west corner of the woodland and is already being well used.

Another thank you is due to Paul Sayers who has been getting down on hands and knees and cleaning out various drainage gullies around the village, another service no longer carried out regularly enough by the council. Not a very nice or easy job, yet essential to prevent our roads flooding.

Many walkers have noticed the purple lines sprayed on the grass at one side of the community meadow. This is because the Vale planners sensibly insisted Sweetcroft planted new trees to replace those removed by their development of the Orchard. This is part of the land gifted to the village by Sweetcroft and Chris Surman and Paul Sayers have been discussing the siting of these new trees with them.

The decision on the application to increase the number of houses to 35 off School Road should by now have been made public, and hopefully sense has prevailed and permission has been refused.

Chris Surman (Chairman) - 868749
Edward Wilkinson - 867316
Kay Sayers - 868146
Trevor Brettell - 868459

The state of our roads around the villages is now dire. All we can do is keep reporting the potholes as they appear, on the basis that those reported first will get seen to first.

www.fixmystreet.com is the site to go to. Perhaps the highway authority could give some responsibility to their repair operatives to use their discretion and common sense in filling in potholes that have opened up close to the one they have been delegated to repair. As we understand it they are not allowed to do that until a surveyor has travelled out with a can of spray paint and marked the hole which is after all obvious to all! Surely the present system is a waste of time and resources?

A newspaper recently reported that most motorists no longer take driving advice to look well ahead on the roads to see problems because they are too busy looking a few metres in front of their own vehicles in an attempt to miss the ever increasing number of potholes to avoid damaging their vehicles. Worrying! You can of course claim for damage caused to your wheels/tyres if you hit a pothole but don't forget most councils will only consider a claim if the damaged road has already been reported to them. We are still looking for a new Parish Clerk. If you are at all interested please contact any councillor for an informal chat.

Next Meeting Tuesday 24th April
St. James Bell Tower 7.30pm. All
Welcome

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**HANNEY FILM NIGHT in the OWEN WRIGHT
CINEMA, HWMH,
Friday 2nd March.**

“Song for Marion” PG

A comedy drama set in London London about shy, grumpy pensioner Arthur who is reluctantly inspired by his beloved wife Marion to join a highly unconventional local choir. At odds with his son James, it is left to charismatic choir director Elizabeth to try and persuade Arthur that he can learn to embrace life.

Doors and bar open 19.30 Start 8.00. 90 mins



Hanney Chapel

Sunday Services

Morning 10:30am with Crèche, children's 'Explorers'
& Bible Class groups available during the service

Evening 5:00pm (Note:- service time may revert to
6:00pm later in the month - check website or phone for details)

Lunch & Listen 10:30am 1st Thursday of the month
Contact Miriam Fisher for details

Men's Breakfast 8:30am 1st Saturday of the month
All men welcome. Contact Mark Fisher for details

Mark & Miriam Fisher – Tel 867105
email - mailmarkfisher@gmail.com

Good Friday Service

30th March

10:30am

At Hanney Chapel

Easter Sunday Service

1st April

10:30am

At the War Memorial Hall

www.hanney-chapel.org.uk

Wantage Male Voice Choir's annual concert The Beacon, Wantage, on Saturday March 24th, 7pm,

under their new Musical Director, Sheenagh Dernie.
They will be joined by local children's choir CARITAS.

Concert proceeds will be in aid of choir funds

and the Wantage October Club for Alzheimer's and Dementia.

Tickets, £10, will be available from The Beacon, Portway, Wantage, OX12 9BX
(01235 763456) and Brett's Pharmacy, Millbrook Square, Grove.

Enquiries: 01235 768249. <https://wantagemalevoicechoir.org.uk>

Come and join us at the Hanney War Memorial Hall on Sunday April 8th for our Spring Clean

Volunteer Day. Our much loved Hall is in need of some maintenance and TLC to get it ready for the Spring and Summer. We haven't had a maintenance team for some time and we need your help to get some essential maintenance and cleaning done to keep the Hall looking good for all our users.



We are looking for people to help us out, anytime between 10am and 4pm - just pop in for an hour or two if you can. You'll be very welcome. Tea, coffee + bacon butties supplied. Please email me, Graham Garner graham.garner@sky.com if you can join us.



Letter

Dear Everyone

Anyone who is an avid reader of this great publication (who isn't, right?) or a follower on the community Facebook page will know about the adventures of our very curious and oh-so-slightly stupid cat, Misty. After a month on the road, she made it back safe and sound, albeit a bit skinnier and grubbier.

Many people understandably despair about the state of humanity right now, but we have been genuinely humbled by the help offered by friends and total strangers alike in looking for our cat. From people in Grove taking walks everyday to look for her, to a kind man who took a cat box to work everyday on the off-chance of seeing her. When she turned up in someone's garden, social media went wild with messages and calls from people across the Hanneys and beyond, meaning she was back home within 30 minutes of being found.

So, despite everything that may be going wrong in the world, remember that people are lovely. Thanks to everyone.

The Atkins family and Misty



The traditional Hanneys Litter

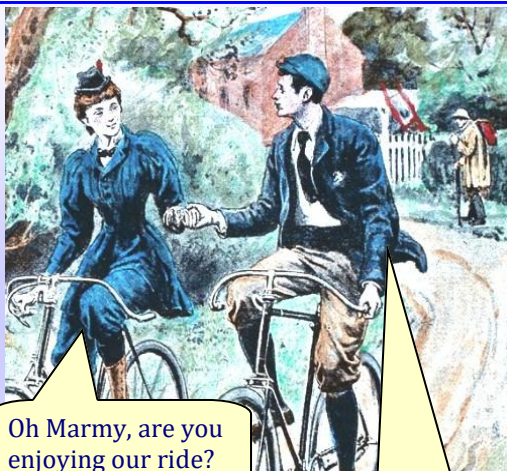
Pick will take place on Saturday 21st April. Meet at the Village Hall at 9.30am prompt. The more volunteers we have the quicker we can finish. Please call or email me to confirm attendance. Family groups most welcome. Bob Wilson - 868389 or bobwilson300@hotmail.com

Have you heard the 'shouty sweary' cyclists who regularly ride through our villages? If not, let me explain...they're young, lycra-clad gents who pedal vigorously along our highways and byways, holding expletive-laden conversations in very loud voices.

Now, here are Marmaduke and Lavinia on a bicycle ride in East Hanney. Old Mr Hobnob watches them go by. Let's listen in shall we?

I rest my case...rides can be fun without shouting and swearing!

So to our shouty sweary cyclist friends, whoever you are, I say please be more like Marmaduke and Lavinia when you're cycling through our villages. Thank You!



Oh Marmy, are you enjoying our ride?

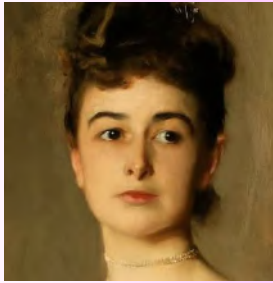
Yes, Lavvy, I'm having a super time thank you, and I'm not being at all shouty and sweary am I?

Snuggs Lane stile updatenot good news I'm afraid. Although he has not contacted me directly, I understand that the owner has been approached by a member of East Hanney Parish Council, and is adamant that there is nothing at all wrong with his stile and that he certainly would not entertain replacing it with a kissing gate. The latter would of course mean that access to the public right of way would be much easier. Although we're all very ready to shout 'But it's my right!!' these days, apparently that does not apply to older or disabled folk in this case.

Not much of a consolation, but this is clearly a common problem. Three stiles are mentioned in the current Kingston Bagpuss News that, were they changed to kissing gates, would allow much better access to various parts of the area. Just a couple more interesting points...were a land owner to request replacing an existing gate with a stile, he

would not be allowed to. It is clear that stiles - even well maintained ones - are recognised these days as not being very 'user-friendly'. By the way, Oxfordshire County Council offer a 25% donation towards the cost of a replacement. The snap below is of the stile in West Hanney that gives access to the north east corner of the Church Farm Meadow. A wide, solid, level step covered with a wire mesh ensuring good grip whatever the weather. That's more like it!





Hello darlings, me again, Jaunty Jilly, only this month, I've gone for a more demure look, after someone said last month it was all getting rather saucy, and this is a family mag after all!

Now, I want to tell you about the kissing gate in West Hanney that we have just purchased. Here's a snap....it's on the south



west corner of the Church Farm Meadow twixt East and West Hanney and I gather is already being well used. We here at H.N. Global Int. are jolly proud that we have been able to fund it. When you use it darlings, be sure to blow me a big air kiss!
Bye for now....



As our community expands eastwards,



crossing the A338 to and from the newer housing developments on the eastern side of it becomes a

dangerous necessity for more and more folk.

Traffic from the north often ignores the warning sign on entering the village, and though the speed camera slows traffic approaching from the south, much of it soon speeds up again as it passes the house that used to be the Crown pub on the left and the industrial units on the right.

Factor in that whenever there are problems on the A34, traffic from it diverts onto this road, and I reckon a pedestrian crossing is long overdue. Apparently requests have been made, but surprise surprise, nothing has happened and it's time to start pestering the Oxfordshire County Council (OCC).

I contacted them on 8th Feb, gave them the basic story and they promised to get me a response. I'm pleased to say that the very next day I did hear back, but oh dear, it's not good news. Yes, they're aware of the problem but guess what?.....there's no money! They also suggested that the delay is partially due to a lack of response to their queries from East Hanney Parish Council. (EHPC)

I have forwarded their email to EHPC and will be pestering both them and OCC on a regular basis. EHPC have said they will try to include this on the agenda for their March meeting - see page 6 for details.

Perhaps you'd like to come along and hear the latest. Like the Winter Lane footpath, this story has legs!



Looking north on the A338 from the Anderson Place turning....busy even on a Sunday morning



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Dear Friends,

On sunny winter mornings the sunlight streams through the east window of Hanney Church, causing a beautiful mottled light display; it feels like God's brilliant sunshine and man's handiwork producing together a glorious effect. Light was one theme of our Candlemas event at which candles were lit and held by the children and adults.

Another link to light is that we are hoping to improve the facilities in the church in the near future and included in that intention is to upgrade our lighting; not just for the benefit of community use but also to bring glory to God.

As you read this, we will be halfway through Lent and heading towards Easter and one of the things that Jesus said as he approached the final week of his life was : ***I am the light of the world.*** You may not associate light with Easter but many churches observe the tradition of a sunrise service on Easter morning with a bonfire and lighting the Paschal Candle. Lampstands or light fittings are an imagery that is used to describe churches in the New Testament, and God's people are expected to hold up the light of Jesus to shine through what they say and what they do.

So may I encourage you, as we get closer to the period when we remember Jesus death and celebrate his resurrection to share the light of Christ's love by bringing the warmth of a smile; the encouragement of a caring action and the comfort of kind word to those you meet.

Wishing you the dawn of Christ's Light this Easter

God bless,

John

Revd John Durant - Vicar - Vale Benefice

Services in March

Sunday Eucharist at 9.30am

Tuesday Eucharist at 10am

Vicar : Revd John Durant : 766484 - vicar@valebenefice.org.uk

Associate Vicar: Revd Alec Gill: 07739 563894 - vicaralec@valebenefice.org.uk

Office : (10 - 12 Mon - Fri) 771479 - office@valebenefice.org.uk

Church Wardens : Stuart Cakebread: 868590 - stuartcakebread@mac.com

Chris Reason: 868375 - chris_reason_hanney@hotmail.com

Activities for younger members of the family in March at St James...

Friday 9th - 3.30pm to 5pm "Let's hear it for Mums"

Sunday 11th - 9.30am – Bring your Mum to Church on Mothering Sunday

Sunday 25th - 10am – Join our donkey procession for Palm Sunday

Friday 30th - 10am - 11.30am 'Hot Cross Bun Fun'

Easter Day, **Sun 1st April** - 9.30am
Easter Service + Easter Egg Hunt

11th - Mothering Sunday

Eucharist at 9.30am

25th – Palm Sunday

Said Eucharist at 9.30am with Donkey Procession

Holy Week

Wed 28th - Eucharist at 8pm

Good Friday Service at 2pm



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Obituary

Mark Mowforth

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Mark was born in Cleveleys, a small seaside town just north of Blackpool. He did National Service with the RAF, where he learned about radar and computers, the latter becoming his career.

He was a very keen sportsman, spending much free time water-skiing and playing five a side football. Mark was a keen Blackpool Football Club fan and particularly enjoyed their recent spell in the Premiership.

Mark met Helen in Vienna, where they were both working for EMI on the new CAT Scanners. His chat-up line was a simple but clearly effective "Hello Sunshine".

Following various meetings in Florence, Rome and Turin, they moved in together in Maidenhead, later marrying and starting a family. Mark taught his kids how to ride their bikes, how to ski and that the best sledge was a black bin liner.

Once the family had settled in East Hanney, Mark helped run the village youth club and was a member of the pantomime back-stage crew. He joined the tennis club, his natural sporting ability helping him win many trophies, as he did playing squash, another of his favourite sports.

Mark was also a keen golfer and joined the 'Hanney Occasional Golfers Society' or HOGS. He and Helen enjoyed several overseas trips with them.

Many happy evenings were spent at the Black Horse playing Darts and Aunt Sally as well as taking part in informal Sunday night 'debates'.

Mark was a wonderful husband and father to his three children. He had a great sense of humour and was such fun. He will be greatly missed by his family and all who knew him.

Helen and family would like to thank everyone, who sent cards and offered support after Mark's death and a huge thank you for the contributions amounting to £578.40p to Medecines sans Frontieres, at his funeral. Helen Mowforth.

60th Birthday - Thank You

It was lovely to see so many of my family and friends join me to celebrate my 60th Birthday, I do hope that everyone enjoyed themselves as much as I did.

Thank you so very much for all of your kind birthday messages , cards and gifts; it's not often that I am stuck for words but I have to admit that I was totally overwhelmed.

I would like to say a special thank you to Chris, Catherine and Chris, Daniel and Jackie as well as my good friends Lyn, Stew and Stephen - thank you for all the hard work around making this such a special occasion - I loved it and am looking forward to my 70th!

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HANNEY CHAPEL Sunday Services; 10:30am (with crèche & 'Explorers') and 5pm (note new time), all welcome. Lunch & Listen 1st Thursday of month at 10:30am. In term-time; "Jumpstart" for 6 to 10 year olds at 6pm Thursdays; Friday Club for 10-13 year olds 6:30pm & Friday Club Plus for 13-15 year olds at 7:45pm. Contact Mark Fisher on 867105 / mailmarkfisher@gmail.com.

HANNEY LITTLE RAINBOWS, Activity and fun for 0 - 3 yr olds meet every Monday, 9.30 - 11.30am. At the Village Hall Contact Sarah Hill - 07514 106782 - for details.

HANNEY PRE-SCHOOL meets term time, in the Elliott Building in the grounds of St James School. For 3+ year olds: Monday - Friday 9am – 2pm, For 2+ year olds: Mon - Fri 9am - 2pm. Contact Hanney Pre-School on 07759181330 or see www.hanneypreschool.co.uk

OLDE HANNEY ROOM COFFEE SHOP, Tuesdays, 10.00-11.30am. Everyone welcome for tea or coffee - chat and a raffle.

OXFORDSHIRE FITNESS CLASSES Mondays 6.15 - 7.15pm Legs, Bums & Tums at the British Legion; Thursdays 6.15 - 7.15pm. Pick and mix exercise at the British Legion. Call Lisa on 07885635367

PILATES CLASS Wednesdays 6 -7pm and Fridays 9.15 - 10.15am (term time only) at the Royal British Legion, East Hanney. Novices and Improvers welcome. To book your place or for more details please contact Pippa Carey (STOTT Pilates teacher) on 07941 260427 or pippa@thrive-nutrition.co.uk

YOUR PACE NOT MINE - Meets Wednesday's and Friday's, 9.15am in Hanney Recreation Ground. A 45 minute running class for all abilities, no set distance, no set pace, your own workout. New joiners always welcome. Text or ring Carey Hope 07789 502010

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cover to cover,
without fail, every
month. It contains so
much useful stuff it's quite
scary and it's also the
wittiest parish mag in the
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The Hanneys

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regularly:
www.thehanneys.org.uk

Hanney Lottery

February Winners

£25 - M Johnson EH

£50 - M Doore EH

£100 - T Charles EH

Not got a number yet or
want to have additional
numbers? Just call
Hilary on 868590.

Hanney Community

Shop

**Mon to Sat
9am to 5pm**

**Post Office hours:
Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri
9am to 1pm**

**Tues 9am to 12 noon
Tel: Shop - 867408
Post Office - 868320**

Hanney War Memorial Hall



To book the Hall, the
Committee Room, or the
Olde Hanney Room,
contact
Sue Garner on 868684
hwmh.hanney@gmail.com

The Hanney War Memorial Hall

is still looking for a new Bar Manager.

Here's a reminder of what Graham Garner said in last
month's issue in case you missed it....

***"We need someone to take responsibility for
managing the bar (only 1-2 bars required per
month) so if you feel you can help your community,
please contact Graham Garner on 07970 503931 or
by email at hwmh.hanney@gmail.com"***

The village hall really is an important part of our
community and the folk on the committee do a
splendid job. If you may be able to help them out, do
contact Graham soonest to find out more.

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